MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether the Government had called for the estimate only in 1935 when it is admitted by the Chief Engineer on behalf of Government that the demand has been made since eight years?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have a letter from the Chief Secretary addressed to the Chief Engineer dated 4th October 1935 asking for estimate for the present road to be prepared.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether, as a result of the request from Government, an estimate has been prepared?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It has not yet been prepared.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Chief Engineer whether, when the estimate for the construction is prepared, the work will be begun?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It is a question of future action. The estimate has to be placed before Government for sanction first, before the work is commenced.

Paddy lands inside the Reserve Forests.

79. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many acres of land are being cultivated as paddy lands inside the forest reserves in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): 369·68 acres.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether the agriculturists who hold lands inside the Reserv-forest to the extent of 369. 68 acres are permitted to collect green manure from the reserve forests?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether the system of permitting collection of green manure to cultivate the paddy lands that lie inside the reserve forest was in vogue?

PRESIDENT: I am sorry I cannot allow that question. That does not arise as a supplementary question to the main question as to how many acres of land are cultivated within the reserve forest.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government how the cultivator can carry on his cultivation without obtaining manure?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I have not got the information with me. If the member wants, I will call for that information.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the owners of those acres of land are put to a lot of difficulties as a result of the failure of granting license for collecting green manure from the reserve forest?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Not that I am aware of.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to look into the matter and redress the grievances of the poor cultivators?

PRESIDENT: It is a question of future action.

Copyists in the Revenue Department.

80. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Revenue copyists employed in the Revenue Department in the State?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a taluk-war statement of the copyists employed in the various Taluk Cutcherries?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) the average monthly remuneration that the copyists get at present;

(ii) the gain or the income that the Government get towards the supply of copying sheets by the parties; and

(iii) whether, by taking the copyists in the permanent establishment, the Government would be gainers or losers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) 106.

(*b*) The required *statement is laid on the table.

(*c*) (i) Rs. 8-Chs. 11-Cash 2 approximately.

(ii) Statistics are not available.

(iii) This will depend upon the pay to be fixed for them.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government, with reference to answer part (*c*) of the question, the average income the copyists were getting before 1105?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I have answered that question in connection with another interpellation.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government the pay that a copyist gets in the Judicial Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I believe he gets Rs. 15.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether the same salary shall not be given to the copyists in the Revenue Department and they also absorbed into the permanent service?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Sir, I explained the whole thing in another connection.

PRESIDENT: I know you have answered all these questions previously.

Well, Mr. Nair, have you any new questions?

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* *Vide* Appendix I.

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